

SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT

BACKGROUND: The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<u>TOTALS</u>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	479	105	28	0	622
NAVY	276	91	28	1	8	404
MARINE CORPS	24	199	18	8	0	249
AIR FORCE	217	163	254	18	0	652
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	1
CIVILIANS	1	20	12	5	0	38
TOTALS	528	953	417	60	8	1966 *
<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>						
FURTHER PURSUIT	210	484	359	42	4	1099
DEFERRED	65	113	28	3	1	210
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	253	356	30	15	3	657
TOTALS	528	953	417	60	8	1966

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

LA = LAOS

* INCLUDES 459 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL: The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 619 Americans from Southeast Asia.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973
REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	444	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	150	
CAMBODIA	23	
TOTAL	619	***

NOTES:

* 34 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973.

** 2 ashes returned from China.

*** 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 21770 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1910
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4848
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5258
DOGTAGS	9754
TOTAL	21770

- a. Of the 1910 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1896 (99.27%) reports are resolved.
- 1318 (69.01%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
 - 45 (2.36%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 533 (27.91%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 14 (0.73%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
- 13 (0.68%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 1 (0.05%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-76	76-80	81-85	86-90	91-95	96	97	98	99	00	01	Total
13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14